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SUBJECT: SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE IN PARIS

1. ACCORDING TO NEWS AGENCY REPORTS, PRESIDENT SADAT ANNOUNCED DURING FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 29 THAT FRANCE HAD AGREED TO SELL MIRAGES TO EGYPT BUT HE SAID THAT THE NUMBER WAS "MUCH LOWER" THAN THE 120 MIRAGES MENTIONED IN PRESS REPORTS. HE ADDED THAT  
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FINANCING WAS NO PROBLEM. HE INDICATED THAT MIRAGE

F-1S WERE INCLUDED IN THE PURCHASE AND THAT DELIVERY WOULD TAKE PLACE OVER SEVERAL YEARS. HE CLAIMED LIBYAN MIRAGES WERE IN EGYPT BUT WERE NOT USED IN BATTLE DURING THE OCTOBER WAR.

2. SADAT WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "WE ARE AT A TURNING POINT IN THE ISRAELI ARAB CONFLICT. IT IS THE FIRST TIME IN 26 YEARS THAT PEACE IS POSSIBLE IN THE REGION". HE REPEATED HIS EARLIER AFFIRMATION THAT NEITHER EGYPT NOR SYRIA WOULD EVER BEGIN WAR AGAINST ISRAEL AND AGAIN CALLED ON ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW ON THREE FRONTS. HE ALSO STATED HIS AGREEMENT WITH THE BELIEF OF SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT THE OPPOSING POSITIONS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL ON A SECOND STAGE MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT COULD BE RECONCILED. SOMEWHAT TEMPERING HIS PLEDGE NOT TO ATTACK ISRAEL, SADAT SAID "PATIENCE HAS ITS LIMITS" AND EMPHASIZED THAT SECOND STAGE DISENGAGEMENT WAS CRUCIAL TO EASING TENSION AND FOSTERING THE PROCESS OF PEACE.

3. SPEAKING OF A POSSIBLE FRENCH ROLE IN THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS, SADAT SAID HE HAD NOT ASKED PRESIDENT GISCARD TO LAUNCH AN INITIATIVE NOW BUT THAT IN A COMING STAGE, FRANCE MUST ASSUME ITS ROLE ALONG WITH WESTERN EUROPE AS WELL.

4. WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD WELCOME FRENCH TROOPS IN AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE THAT WOULD GUARANTEE BORDERS, SADAT REPLIED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME THEM AS LONG AS THEY WERE STATIONED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER. HE ALSO WELCOMED FRENCH PARTICIPATION "AT A LATER STAGE" IN THE GENEVA MEPC.

5. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT HE HAD "REASON TO BELIEVE" THAT THE U.S. WOULD RECOGNIZE THE PLO, SADAT SAID THAT IN DEALING WITH DR. KISSINGER, HE HAD LEARNED HOW THE SECRETARY THINKS AND THAT AS THE PALESTINIANS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PROBLEM, HE HAD PROPHECIZED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE LONG BEFORE THE U.S. WOULD RECOGNIZE THE PALESTINIANS.

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6. FINALLY, SADAT DECLARED THAT EGYPT WOULD AGREE TO IRAQ'S TURNING OVER THE ORLY TERRORISTS TO FRANCE.  
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